



The City News Express

Fall

Connecting Austell Government With Its Citizens

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From the Mayor and Council

Enjoy Austell's Parks this Fall!

Disc golf has come to Austell and is becoming more and more popular at Frog Rock Park. Tournaments are being held there on a regular basis, and of course the walking trails are there for everyone's enjoyment. Have you visited Legion Park recently? New fencing is complete and the playground, funded by the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant), is ready for the younger set, while the Horseshoe Pavilion is almost complete for the older generation. Walking trails continue to be popular with young and old at Legion Park, and the large pavilion is available for picnics and parties. Don't forget to visit Collar Park at the Community Center! The playground is wonderful for kids and the gazebo is available for weddings and parties as well as the Community Center. There are passive parks throughout the city that are just right for appreciating the fresh fall air and colorful Autumn leaves. Come enjoy Austell this fall!

For information regarding reserving Austell's facilities, please call 770-944-4309.



First Youth Conservation Field Day at I.T and Lodemia Terrell Community Garden and Educational Center

On September 27th, fourth and fifth graders from Austell Elementary visited our Community Garden. The youngsters had fun digging in the dirt! They planted vegetables and herbs and learned about local soils, rocks and wildlife in our area. The students toured our newly constructed high-tunnel and discovered the benefits of year-long growing.

The City is working hand in hand with schools in our area to educate our youth about the importance of conserving our natural resources and protecting the environment. The response to this first experience has been overwhelming, and plans are already in progress to make this an annual event.

The Field Day was sponsored by the City of Austell, Cobb County Extension Services, Cobb Soil and Water Conservation District, Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Lowes Home Improvement, Keep Cobb Beautiful and Natural Resources Conservation Service. We appreciate the support of each of our sponsors in this project. Thank you for making it happen!

Austell Selected to Receive \$5,000 Health and Wellness Incentive Grant

Austell was selected by the Georgia Municipal Association to receive an *Employee Health Promotion & Wellness Incentive Grant* to promote work site programs reinforcing the health and wellness of City employees and their families. As part of the grant process, the City designated Fire Chief Tim Williams as Health Promotion Leader to develop a workplace health promotion action plan to benefit our employees.



Council Members

Ward 1 - Kirsten Anderson
Ward 2 - Scott Thomas

Ward 3 - Martin Standard
Ward 4 - Virginia Reagan

At Large Post 1 - Trudie A. Causey
At Large Post 2 - Suzanne Thomason

SPLOST Dollars at Work In Austell

Residents are pleased with the resurfacing projects in Austell. Thanks to the 2011 - 2015 SPLOST (Special Local Option Sales Tax) the Mayor and Council were able to resurface Perkerson Mill Road and Sweetwater Street. In September, construction of a five foot wide sidewalk on Cemetery Street to improve access between Bowden Street and VMH. Drainage pipe and ADA accessibility ramps also will be installed.

The SPLOST is a 1% sales tax which is assessed on every purchase that is made in Cobb County. Each city receives the portion of the tax that is generated in that city. These funds have certainly been put to good use in Austell!

The Mayor and Council are committed to improving our streets and sidewalks for the benefit of all our citizens.

As part of the SPLOST funds, the City was able to purchase some much needed equipment to maintain the streets, sidewalks and green space in Austell. Pictured at right is the new asphalt patcher which will make repairing our streets easier.



In addition to the asphalt patcher, we have purchased a street sweeper, bush hog, backhoe, grapple loader, mini excavator and a dump truck.

Austell Museum To Open in Threadmill



Old photograph of Pat Winn and his employees in the 1930's. Mr. Winn's typewriter was the kind used in the early 1900's.

Visiting the Austell Museum will bring back memories of the old neighborhood, friends and family. If you are from Austell, chances are you may remember some of the people and places pictured in the old photographs. Even if you are not a native, the collection of photographs, documents and vintage items will bring back memories of your own childhood.

Pat Medlin, a long time resident of Austell and employee of the City is the Project Coordinator, and William Johnson is the Museum curator. His love of history and talents assembling our pictures, papers and historic items has been invaluable in completing our Museum.

Several years ago some residents made video tapes of their recollections of life in Austell. Cd's have been made of these interviews and will be shown throughout the day.

We hope the Museum will be a place for you to visit often, renew old friendships and make new ones.

*You are cordially invited
to attend the opening
of the Austell Museum
and Open House
from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm
Thursday, November 14th*

Fire Department News...

Our Annual Boot Drive for the Firefighters Burn Foundation was a huge success! Congratulations to our Firefighters for their hard work and to our community for donating \$3,841.11. Thanks for your support!



Congratulations to Fire Captain/Paramedic Young Malcom for twenty years of service with the City of Austell and to Firefighter/Paramedic Keith Thompson and Firefighter/EMT Mitch Parrett for five years of service each. We appreciate your service to the citizens of Austell!

We also welcome two additions to the Fire Department: Firefighters/EMTs Matt Landrum and Michael Porterfield.

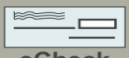
As a reminder, free blood pressure checks are available at each Austell fire station for citizens who live within the city limits.

Outdoor Burning Ban has been lifted until May of 2014. Remember, the City ordinance allows attended burning of leaves and small debris Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. *No burning on Sunday.*

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Remember to Vote on Tuesday, November 5th at Austell City Hall

